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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Establishment of the U.S. Agency for International Development as an Executive Agency

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development ("USAID") gives notice of the establishment of USAID as an Executive agency and the abolition of the U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency ("IDCA"). Under the provisions of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, as contained in Public Law 105-277, IDCA was abolished and USAID was established as an Executive agency, effective April 1, 1999.

DATES: Effective April 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan Miller, Office of General Counsel, 202-712-4174; jmillers@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, as contained in Public Law 105-277, IDCA was abolished and USAID was established as an Executive agency, effective April 1, 1999.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, USAID has amended chapter II of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations to delete the reference to IDCA. The abolition of IDCA does not affect the status and validity of USAID regulations, directives, rulings, policies; they continue in effect.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection. This information is used to support payment eligibility determinations for the Conservation Reserve Program, the Price Support Program, and the Production Flexibility Contract Program authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Transition Act.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before June 1, 1999 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information and Comments: Contact James Baxa, Agricultural Program Specialist, Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0517, (202) 720-4189, facsimile (202) 720-4941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation Determinations for the receipt of program benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program, Price Support Program, and the Production Flexibility Contract Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0096.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1999.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The collection of this information is necessary to determine the eligibility of individuals and entities for program payments for various programs administered by Farm Service Agency, on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation, including the Conservation Reserve Program, Price Support Programs, and the Production Flexibility Contract Program. The

regulations at 7 CFR part 1400 provide for an "actively engaged in farming" determination be made for individuals or entities, with respect to a particular farming operation, in order to determine their eligibility for payments under covered programs. The regulations at 7 CFR part 1400 also require a determination of "person" as defined in the same regulations for the use in limiting payments to an amount specified in each of the covered programs. These programs impact a potential participant universe of 2,000,000 respondents. Forms CCC-502A, CCC-502B, CCC-502C, CCC-502D, CCC-502EZ, CCC-501A, and CCC-501B will continue to be used for making determinations under part 1400, as will ASCS-561, ASCS-561A, and ASCS-561B, which are used for these purposes in connection with the Conservation Reserve Program. The forms are not required to be completed on an annual basis. Once the appropriate forms are submitted and the corresponding determinations made, the producer is not required to provide this information again, unless there is a substantial change in the farming operation or status of the producer requesting program benefits that would affect the payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations previously made.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 52 minutes per response.

Respondents: Producers who, as owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, are involved in the farming operations and who would seek benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program, Price Support and the Production Flexibility Contract Programs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 351,960.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: To determine initial eligibility or when a substantial change in operations or status occurs.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 305,032.

Proposed topics for comment include, but are not limited to: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the